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(NE)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : William S. Bess, Neema Kulkarni, Suhas H. Ambike and Michael P. Ramsay

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Examiner: E. Peselev

Title : FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN ION
EXCHANGE RESIN AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT

Date : October 9, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir,

This is a response to the final office action dated April 10, 2002 and is being submitted with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time. As a two month extension of time was submitted with the Amendment submitted on September 10, 2002, the appropriate fee due now should be the difference between to a two and three month extension of time. Should an additional fee be due please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0455. In view of the following remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A consumable film adapted to adhere to and dissolve in a mouth of a consumer, wherein said film comprises at least one water soluble polymer, at least one